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Forestry Club

RALPH E. DEWEY

AFTER an intensive week of campaigning for new members early in the Fall Quarter, the Forestry Club got off to a flying start with a total membership of 166 men, the largest membership the club has had since long before the war. Leonard Thomas, Forestry Club president, called the first meeting early in October and the organization was really under way.

The Fall Campfire was scheduled to be held at the Iowa State College Arboretum on what turned out to be one of the rainiest days of the Fall Quarter. As a result, the ruggedness of the foresters was put to the supreme test—in Ag Assembly.

But the spirits of the foresters cannot be dampened by a mere rainstorm. Preceding the evening's repast, the boys joined in on some rousing and robust old ballads, including some of brother Jensen's favorite "hymns" from the Summer Camp of 1946.

As usual the food committee, under the expert direction of Bob Jack and Dale West, came through with a superb picnic supper.

Following the meal, the club was entertained by several renditions by the Club Quartette. The guest speaker of the evening was that renowned Professor of Surveying from the Civil Engineering Department, Prof. J. S. (Jack) Dodds. For his topic that evening Prof. Dodds spoke on—and on. Members of the club were well entertained by the jibes poked at foresters by the speaker. Nevertheless the club is grateful that forestry and civil engineering are on such friendly terms.

To the men who attended summer camp or others who have spent summers in the wilds of the western woods, the sight of a deer is not strange. But there probably aren't too many of these hardy, seasoned foresters who have witnessed a tempting, tasty meal of venison. Thursday evening, January 23, the foresters got together at the Collegiate Methodist Church for their annual Game Banquet. This year, as there are so many married foresters in the club, the affair was

either date or stag. So, a record attendance of over 200 persons was at the gathering.

As you may have guessed, venison was the main event, but of course, there were the usual other formalities that all go in to make a first class banquet—toastmaster, music and speaker. This year's guest speaker was Mr. Newell C. Day of the Iowa Equitable Insurance Company, who spoke on "A Blueprint for Happiness." Our thanks go out to Howard Lovestead, who spent a great deal of time and energy in arranging a really great Game Banquet.

Late in the Fall Quarter, Ed Hoffmann, who was at that time beginning to pace the floor, took charge of the program for an evening and came forth with a Club Smoker. The affair was held in the South Ballroom of Memorial Union on November 14. Entertainment was furnished by Jim Heddens, a local student, who is quite an adept magician. His magical feats were very entertaining and mystifying, especially when "Bud" Paulsen ended up with the duece of spades in his pocket.

To digress a bit and discuss club activities since the last News-Letter was published, the Spring of '46 was highlighted and keyed by the Forester's Hoedown. As usual, it was held at the Country Club, but this time in Spring Quarter instead of winter. Music was furnished by a five-piece ensemble from Des Moines, but the majority of the crowd spent more time greeting old friends than they did dancing. At intermission Dr. Larsen treated the foresters and their dates with his inimitable wit and humor, and prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schmidt were the lucky winners of matched woods axes.

The Spring Campfire was held beside the rushing waters of Squaw Creek, just south of Brookside Park. The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Loomis of the Botany Department.

Now back to the present—your Forestry Club, under the leadership of its officers is fast becoming a leading departmental club on the campus. These officers are:

Leonard Thomas	President
Erith Hopp	Vice-president
Howard Schmidt	Secretary
George Hartman	Treasurer

As for our future plans, they are many and varied. The club is again handling the work on the Holst Tract near Boone, the 1947 Hoedown is on its way to become another "great," and the suggested plans for Veishea open house are enough to assure us of plenty to do in Spring Quarter.